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H.B. No. 2467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the definition of a playground for purposes of certain  
3 places protected from certain criminal activities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 481.134(a)(3), Health and Safety Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (3) "Playground" means any outdoor facility that is  
8 not on the premises of a school and that:

9 (A) is intended for recreation;

10 (B) is open to the public; and

11 (C) contains three or more play stations  
12 [~~separate apparatus~~] intended for the recreation of children, such  
13 as slides, swing sets, and teeterboards.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
15 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
16 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
17 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
18 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
19 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
20 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that  
21 date.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.